

**MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**October 28-29, 2021
2933 New Mexico Highway 47
Tomé**

The fourth meeting of the Land Grant Committee for the 2021 interim was called to order by Representative Miguel P. Garcia, chair, on October 28, 2021 at 10:12 a.m. at 2933 New Mexico Highway 47 in Tomé.

Present

Rep. Miguel P. Garcia, Chair
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair
Rep. Rachel A. Black (10/28)
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle (10/29)
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez (10/29)
Rep. Christine Trujillo (10/29)

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon (10/28)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez (10/28)

Guest Legislators

Rep. Alonzo Baldonado (10/28)
Sen. Crystal R. Diamond (10/29)
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (10/29)

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Michelle Jaschke, Researcher, LCS
Anthony Montoya, Staff Attorney, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Absent

Rep. Matthew McQueen
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Michael Padilla

Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Thursday, October 28

Welcome and Introductions

Representative Miguel P. Garcia welcomed the committee and asked members, staff and attendees to introduce themselves.

Status Update and Historic Preservation and Tourist Site Collaboration Effort with Valencia County (10:25 a.m.)

Andrea Padilla, president, Town of Tomé Land Grant-Merced, and Jeremias Silva, project and grant manager, Valencia County, presented information on a collaborative historic site preservation project.

Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division (GHTD) of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Update (11:35 a.m.)

Hector Balderas, attorney general, OAG, and Novela Salazar, assistant attorney general, GHTD, OAG, presented an update on the GHTD. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102821%20Item%202%20--%20AG%20letter%20to%20LGC%2010272021.pdf>.

Community Governance Attorney Program Update (1:25 p.m.)

Adrian Oglesby, director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, University of New Mexico, presented an update on the community governance program. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102821%20Item%203%20--%20UNM%20Law%20School%20--%20Community%20Governance%20Attorney%20Program%20Act%20Update.pdf>.

United States Forest Service (USFS) Planning and Land Grant Collaboration Update (2:08 p.m.)

Elaine Kohrman, deputy regional forester, Southwestern Region, USFS, and Ashley Wright, state government liaison, Region 3, USFS, presented an update on collaboration efforts.

State Land Office (SLO) and Land Grant Community Partnership Efforts (2:34 p.m.)

Tarin Nix, deputy commissioner of public affairs, SLO, and Camilla Romero, program project manager, SLO, presented an update on community partnership efforts. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20102821%20Item%205%20--%20State%20Land%20Office%20Mayor%20Domo%20Fuelwood%20Clearing%20Demonstration%20Projects.pdf>.

Public Comment (3:40 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

New Mexico State Office of United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM): Land Management Plans Update (4:04 p.m.)

Melanie Barnes, acting state director, New Mexico State Office, BLM, and Lisa Rivera Morrison, deputy chief of communications, New Mexico State Office, BLM, presented information on land management plans.

Recess

The committee recessed at 4:36 p.m.

Friday, October 29**Walking Tour of Town of Tomé Land Grant-Merced (9:00 a.m.)**

Members toured the land grant's historic sites, including a historic jail and home that are being refurbished in collaboration with Valencia County as a projected tourist attraction.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.